

Appl. No. 09/845,226
Amdt. Dated Sept. 16, 2003
Reply to Office action of August 7, 2003

REMARKS

Applicant's counsel thanks Examiner Roy for her continued thorough examination of the present application, and for the indication in the previous Office action that independent claims 1 and 12, and the dependencies therefrom, are now allowed.

The Examiner has objected to the specification as being ambiguous in reciting "[o]ptionally, the total number of layers will be less than 100, 110, 120, 130, 150, or 200." This passage has now been amended to clarify that the total number of layers is optionally less than 200. This amendment to the specification resolves any ambiguity therein.

Claims 7, 8, 18 and 20 have all been objected to by the Examiner. Claims 7 and 8 have now been cancelled, and claims 18 and 20 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections. Claims 22, 25, 28, 31 have also been canceled to eliminate redundancy.

The remaining independent claims 21 and 27 presently stand rejected under 35 USC § 112. During a telephone conversation between the Examiner and the undersigned on September 12, 2003, the Examiner indicated that these claims would be allowed if rewritten so that the ratio, r , is "at least 0.9." Each of these claims has now been so amended, and it is respectfully submitted these claims are now allowable.

Therefore, claims 1 and 12 having been indicated as allowed, and claims 21 and 27 now being allowable, all remaining claims are dependent claims and thus all pending claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

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